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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPATCH OF A VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE CURRENT CONDITIONS IN PALAU, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1279

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 65 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council

1. In accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 of the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1279, the Trusteeship Council would:

(a) Decide to dispatch a visiting mission to Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, in March 1992 for approximately two weeks to observe current conditions in the Territory;

(b) Further decide that the composition of the Mission, including two representatives of countries of the region, should be determined through further consultations;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and facilities to assist the Visiting Mission in the performance of its functions.

2. It is assumed that the Mission would be composed of six representatives and would be serviced by four staff members. On that basis, the total estimated requirements of the Mission would amount to $92,100, broken down as follows:

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Travel of representatives	54 100
Travel of staff	29 500
Mission operating expenses	8 500
Total	92 100

3. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 will include a provision of $111,600 for the activities of the Trusteeship Council. Should the Council decide to dispatch a visiting mission to Palau in 1992, its cost could therefore be met from within available resources.